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To expand certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and a national recreation area, and for other purposes.

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Mr. DEFAZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wild Rogue Conserva-

5 tion and Recreation Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
2 means—

3 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-
4 spect to public land administered by the Sec-
5 retary of the Interior; or

6 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-
7 spect to National Forest System land.

8 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
9 of Oregon.

10 **SEC. 3. ROGUE CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, OR-
11 EGON.**

12 (a) DESIGNATION OF ROGUE CANYON NATIONAL
13 RECREATION AREA.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of pro-
15 tecting, conserving, and enhancing the unique and
16 nationally important recreational, ecological, scenic,
17 cultural, watershed, and fish and wildlife values of
18 the areas, the area in the State described in para-
19 graph (2) is designated as a national recreation area
20 for management by the Secretary in accordance with
21 subsection (c).

22 (2) ROGUE CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION
23 AREA.—The area described in this paragraph is the
24 approximately 98,150 acres of Bureau of Land Man-
25 agement land within the boundary generally depicted

1 as the “Rogue Canyon National Recreation Area”
2 on the map entitled “Rogue Canyon National Recre-
3 ation Area Wild Rogue Wilderness Additions” and
4 dated November 19, 2019, which is designated as
5 the “Rogue Canyon National Recreation Area”.

6 (b) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 shall prepare a map and legal description of the na-
10 tional recreation area designated by subsection (a).

11 (2) EFFECT.—The map and legal description
12 prepared under paragraph (1) shall have the same
13 force and effect as if included in this Act, except
14 that the Secretary may correct any minor errors in
15 the map and legal description.

16 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal
17 description prepared under paragraph (1) shall be
18 available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
19 fices of the Bureau of Land Management.

20 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

21 (1) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Secretary shall ad-
22 minister the national recreation area designated by
23 subsection (a)—

(A) in a manner that conserves, protects, and enhances the purposes for which the national recreation area is established; and

(B) in accordance with—

(i) this section;

(ii) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

(iii) other applicable laws.

10 (2) USES.—The Secretary shall only allow those
11 uses of the national recreation area designated by
12 subsection (a) that are consistent with the purposes
13 for which the national recreation area is established.

(B) the Wild Rogue Wilderness; and

(C) any Federal land adjacent to an area described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

23 (4) WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN —

1 ment is conducted under paragraph (3), the
2 Secretary shall develop a wildfire mitigation
3 plan, based on the wildfire risk assessment, that
4 identifies, evaluates, and prioritizes treatments
5 and other management activities that can be
6 implemented on the Federal land covered by the
7 wildfire risk assessment (other than Federal
8 land designated as a unit of the National Wil-
9 derness Preservation System) to mitigate wild-
10 fire risk to communities located near the appli-
11 cable Federal land.

12 (B) PLAN COMPONENTS.—The wildfire
13 mitigation plan developed under subparagraph
14 (A) shall include—

- 15 (i) vegetation management projects
16 (including mechanical treatments to reduce
17 hazardous fuels and improve forest health
18 and resiliency);
- 19 (ii) evacuation routes for communities
20 located near the applicable Federal land,
21 which shall be developed in consultation
22 with State and local fire agencies; and
- 23 (iii) strategies for public dissemination
24 of emergency evacuation plans and routes.

(C) APPLICABLE LAW.—The wildfire mitigation plan under subparagraph (A) shall be developed in accordance with—

(i) this section; and

(ii) any other applicable law.

(5) ROAD CONSTRUCTION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B) or as the Secretary determines necessary for public safety, no new permanent or temporary roads shall be constructed (other than the repair and maintenance of existing roads) within the national recreation area designated by subsection (a).

(B) TEMPORARY ROADS.—Consistent with the purposes of this Act, the Secretary may construct temporary roads within the national recreation area designated by subsection (a) to implement the wildfire mitigation plan developed under paragraph (4), unless the temporary road would be within an area designated as a unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

(6) EFFECT ON WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT.—

Nothing in this section alters the authority of the Secretary (in cooperation with other Federal, State,

1 and local agencies, as appropriate) to conduct
2 wildland fire operations within the national recre-
3 ation area designated by subsection (a), consistent
4 with the purposes of this Act.

5 (7) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing
6 rights, all Federal surface and subsurface land with-
7 in the national recreation area designated by sub-
8 section (a) is withdrawn from all forms of—

9 (A) entry, appropriation, or disposal under
10 the public land laws;

11 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
12 mining laws; and

13 (C) disposition under all laws pertaining to
14 mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, or mineral
15 materials.

16 (8) NO EFFECT ON WILDERNESS AREAS.—Any
17 wilderness area located within the national recre-
18 ation area designated by subsection (a) shall be ad-
19 ministered in accordance with the Wilderness Act
20 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

21 (d) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this sec-
22 tion creates any protective perimeter or buffer zone
23 around the national recreation area designated by sub-
24 section (a).

1 **SEC. 4. EXPANSION OF WILD ROGUE WILDERNESS AREA.**

2 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

3 (1) **MAP.**—The term “map” means the map en-
4 titled “Rogue Canyon National Recreation Area
5 Wild Rogue Wilderness Additions” and dated No-
6 vember 19, 2019.

7 (2) **WILDERNESS ADDITIONS.**—The term “Wil-
8 derness additions” means the land added to the Wild
9 Rogue Wilderness under subsection (b)(1).

10 (b) **EXPANSION OF WILD ROGUE WILDERNESS
11 AREA.**—

12 (1) **EXPANSION.**—The approximately 59,512
13 acres of Federal land in the State generally depicted
14 on the map as “Proposed Wilderness” shall be
15 added to and administered as part of the Wild
16 Rogue Wilderness in accordance with the Endan-
17 gered American Wilderness Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
18 1132 note; Public Law 95–237), except that—

19 (A) the Secretary of the Interior and the
20 Secretary of Agriculture shall administer the
21 Federal land under their respective jurisdiction;
22 and

23 (B) any reference in that Act to the Sec-
24 retary of Agriculture shall be considered to be
25 a reference to the Secretary of Agriculture or
26 the Secretary of the Interior, as applicable.

(2) MAP; LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

1 (4) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing
2 rights, the Wilderness additions are withdrawn from
3 all forms of—

4 (A) entry, appropriation, or disposal under
5 the public land laws;

6 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
7 mining laws; and

8 (C) disposition under all laws pertaining to
9 mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, or mineral
10 materials.

11 (5) TRIBAL RIGHTS.—Nothing in this sub-
12 section alters, modifies, enlarges, diminishes, or ab-
13 rogates the treaty rights of any Indian Tribe.

